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IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF:

Srikar Rao

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**DECLARATION OF SRIKAR RAO TO VERIFY EVIDENCE OF  
PATENTABILITY**

Comes now Srikar Rao, who declares as follows:

1. I am the inventor of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in U.S. Patent Application 09/845,643, filed April 30, 2001 and entitled **EZMARK**.

2. Attached hereto are testimonials relating to my invention from five (5) tour players in relation to the Hooters Golf Tour. These tour players include Chad Jones of 472 Manor Drive, Seymour, Indiana, 47274; Frank Genzer of 8731 S. Delaware Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74137; Chris Calvert of 231 N.W. 130th Avenue, Plantation, Florida, 33325; Chad Collins of 10505 S. County Road 10E, Cloverdale, Indiana, 46120; and, Kevin Newell of 1132 Texarkana Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46231.

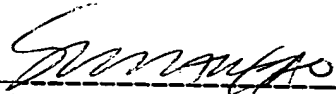
3. These golf tour players have been exposed to virtually every conceivable ball marker concept available anywhere. Their testimonials

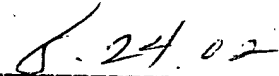
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demonstrate that my invention satisfied a long-felt need for an improved golf ball marking system.

4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

  
Srikar Rao

  
Date



**\*\* The original copies of these are included.**

**Tour Players – Hooters Tour**

**1. Chad Jones, 472 Manor drive, Seymour, Indiana 47274**

“I can’t believe this product wasn’t thought of before. It makes marking your ball simple and less frustrating’

**2. Frank Genzer, 8731 S. Delaware Place, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 74137**

“ A great idea, with good intentions. Marking your ball has never been easier’

**3. Chris Calvert, 231 N.W. 130<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Plantation, Florida, 33325**

“ I think this product will make golf a lot less stressful around the green. Great product for all golfers”

**4. Chad Collins, 10505 S. County Road 10E, Cloverdale, Indiana 46120**

“ I think it is a great product. Makes it easier to mark your ball instead of having to dig in your pockets”

**5. Kevin Newell, 1132 Texarkana Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46231**

“ I think that this product will save time and strokes. It allows me more time to read putts during competition’

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472 MANOR DR

Seymour, IN 47274

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FRANK GENSER

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A GREAT TOUR, WOULD LOVE TO INTERVIEW.

THANKS FOR THE INFO. BEEN WAITING.

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- Any payment from which a deduction has been taken will include complete documentation.

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